

## WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, gentleman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in proud recognition of World Social Work Day. First off I would like to extend my gratitude to all social workers for the important work they do. It is selfless work that impacts the most impoverished and sick among us. Your hard work assists millions of individuals, families and communities across the country and the globe.

I have always been a strong advocate for social workers. The field of social work can be a thankless profession which is not very lucrative, so having fully trained professional social workers is always a blessing. In the 108th and 109th Congresses, I introduced a bill that would provide loan forgiveness to social workers who work for child protective agencies. I hear from students all the time who express desire to work as a social worker, but may choose a different field in order to be able to pay for their education.

I want to encourage people who are interested and have a desire to become a social worker, and not have them choose a different career based on the cost of their education. Their work is vital to my community and to all communities, and we need to encourage young people's interest in social work.

This year's theme for National Professional Social Work Month is "Hope and Health." My home is Cleveland, Ohio, and we have been rated as one of the most impoverished cities in the nation. With so many individuals unemployed and unable to provide for themselves or their families, a strong social worker presence is vital for my community.

Thirty-two percent of Clevelanders live below the poverty line.

Almost half of the children live below the poverty line compared to a national average of 18 percent.

Nineteen percent of those children lack any type of health coverage.

There are over 21,000 social workers in the state of Ohio, and the majority of them work in the fields of Mental Health, Child and Family Welfare, Health, and Aging.

I would like to highlight North East Ohio Health Services, which is a behavioral health care organization that provides services to the residents of Cuyahoga County. They have many programs that reach children through seniors in crisis intervention to continuing care. I am grateful for organizations like North East Ohio Health Services that employ social workers to assist my constituents with the greatest need.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all my colleagues in the House who are social workers, and especially Congressman Ciro RODRIGUEZ for arranging this special order to recognize World Social Work Day. And I would like to reiterate my deepest respect and admiration to all the people who choose to devote their lives and careers to providing a helping hand to the most desperate among us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will ap-

pear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFazio) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFazio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mrs. BOYDA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FRANKS of Arizona addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee:

Mr. BRADY, Texas  
Mr. ENGLISH, Pennsylvania  
Mr. PAUL, Texas

## ANNUAL BUDGET DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENSARLING) is recognized

for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, tonight we start an important debate that we have here each year in this Nation, and that is a debate over the annual budget. I know for a lot of people, Mr. Speaker, this is a debate about numbers, kind of a green-shade visor exercise, but frankly, it is a lot more than that. It has a lot to do with values. It has a lot to do with principles.

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And it is a debate that the American people need to pay very close attention to. Clearly, we know the results of the last election: there is a new majority party. The Democrat majority has taken control, which they have not had in 12 years. They won the election fair and square. But, Mr. Speaker, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

I have the pleasure and honor of serving on the House Budget Committee, and just this last week the Democrats voted out their budget that has the single largest tax increase in American history in it. Now, Mr. Speaker, the last time that the Democrats had control of the House, guess what they did, they passed the single largest tax increase in American history. Again, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The single largest tax increase in American history. Mr. Speaker, people have to know what this is going to mean to them.

I have the honor and privilege of representing people in the Fifth District of Texas. It starts out in the city of Dallas, takes in the southeast Dallas County suburbs, and six really great east Texas counties full of small business people and agricultural producers. For the people in the State of Texas, for the people in the Fifth District of Texas, that is going to mean an additional tax burden for the average family of four of \$2,700 a year. That is \$2,700 a year, Mr. Speaker, that could have gone into funding the family budget that is instead going to go into funding the Federal budget. And every time, every time that we increase that Federal budget, we are taking money away from some valuable family budget.

Now, we are always going to hear from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, the Democrats, that these vital investments are needed for housing programs and for nutritional programs and health care programs. And certainly we need a social safety net. But, Mr. Speaker, this isn't really a debate about how much we spend on these vital programs. The real question is, who is going to do the spending? Democrats believe government should do the spending. We believe that families should do the spending. And when it comes to my constituents in the State of Texas, they need that \$2,700. They need that \$2,700 to help send a child to college, to help finance higher education. They need that \$2,700 to